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**From:** Murchie, Peter  
**Sent:** Thur 4/7/2016 1:51:57 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Hotline Complaint 2016-0125 Request (DRAFT RESPONSE)

Dan, Garth, Lisa, Bill and Lucy,

Find below my draft initial response to Madeline for your review. **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**  
**Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** so when I get back online this afternoon will check and then send to her. The note from Madeline was sent to Carrie and cc'd us – we could have Carrie respond but I think better if I do.

Madeline,

Apologies for not getting back to you sooner. I was out of the office yesterday in meetings and didn't get a chance to review this until today. Find below the statement that was released out of HQ this week. Can you send the article or a link to the article you reference in your email?

*(Bill can you confirm that this is what was actually sent out by Melissa?)*

"The tone and content of this outside campaign does not represent the views of EPA. EPA spends an enormous amount of time and resources on efforts to work with farmers, tribes and other stakeholders on collaborative efforts to improve water quality. The grant being used to fund the billboard was awarded to a consortium to be directed at endangered salmon recovery efforts. The grant also authorized a public education element. The consortium made a sub-award for a campaign which should not be using EPA funds. We are in the process of correcting that."

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Per your second question our program has contacted the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission asking them to assess whether or not the sub awardee has followed the terms and conditions of the grant and if not what they propose as a resolution in their oversight role of the sub awards.

**Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** will be travelling straight to Canada for the Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference in Vancouver Canada next week and will not be back in the office until Monday 4/18.

Thank you,

Peter

**From:** Mullen, Madeline

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 10:35 AM

**To:** Williams, Carrie <Williams.Carrie@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Wright, Garth <wright.garth@epa.gov>; Murchie, Peter <Murchie.Peter@epa.gov>; Chang, Lisa <Chang.Lisa@epa.gov>; Collins, Eileen <Collins.Eileen@epa.gov>

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Hello,

We saw an article stating that EPA had reversed its opinion on grant funding for What's Upstream. Please provide us with a copy of EPA's statement and advise what the Region plans to do regarding the grant. We appreciate your time.

Thanks!  
Madeline

Madeline Mullen

Project Manager/Team Leader

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**From:** Mullen, Madeline

**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 2:16 PM

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Thank you!

Madeline

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**From:** Wright, Garth

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**From:** Mullen, Madeline

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